



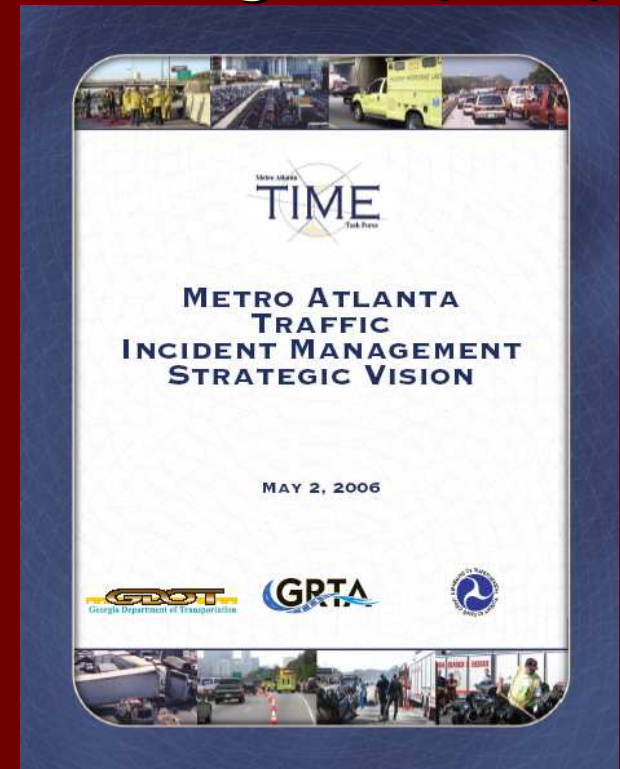
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What is TRIP?



Georgia Towing and Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP)

- TRIP is a Quick Clearance incentive program to pay heavy-duty recovery companies a monetary bonus for clearing commercial vehicle wrecks quickly.
- TRIP is an initiative of the (TIME) Task Force and a component of the Metro Atlanta Traffic Incident Management Enhancement Strategic Vision



What is the purpose of TRIP?

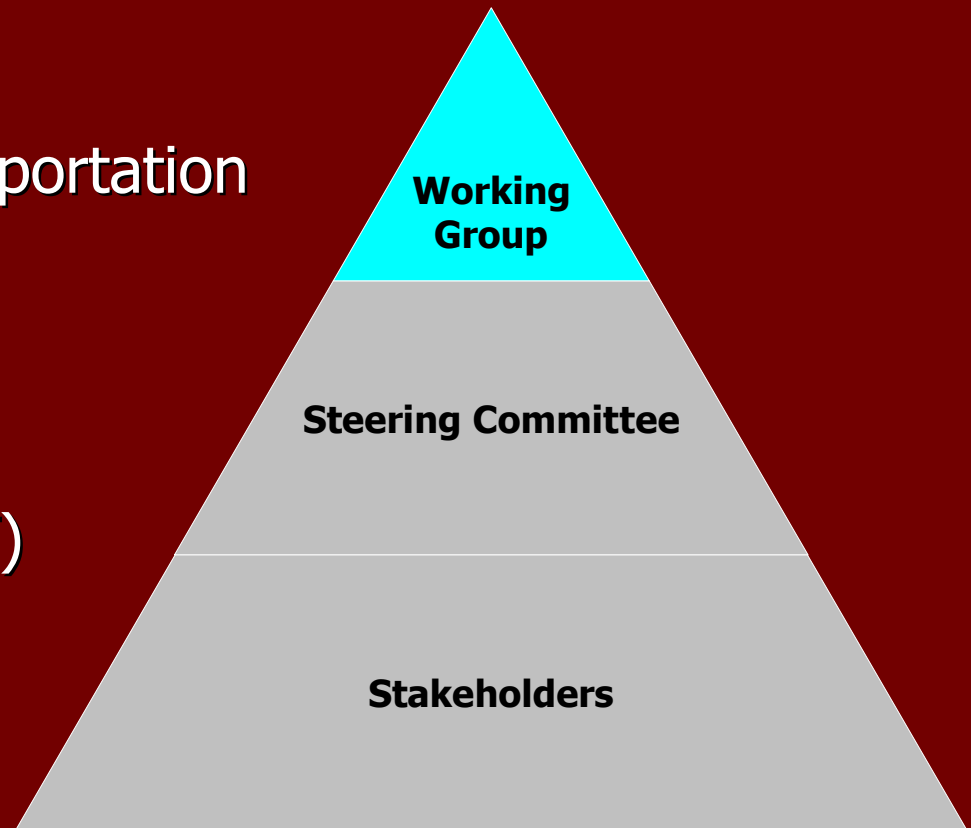
- Facilitate safe and quick clearance of commercial vehicle crashes
- Improve scene safety, reduce responder exposure time
- Reduce secondary incidents
- More profitable for the towing community as they contribute to meeting quick clearance objectives
- Significantly reduce the huge impact that major traffic incidents have in Metro Atlanta



Who developed TRIP?

■ The Working Group

- Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA)
- Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)
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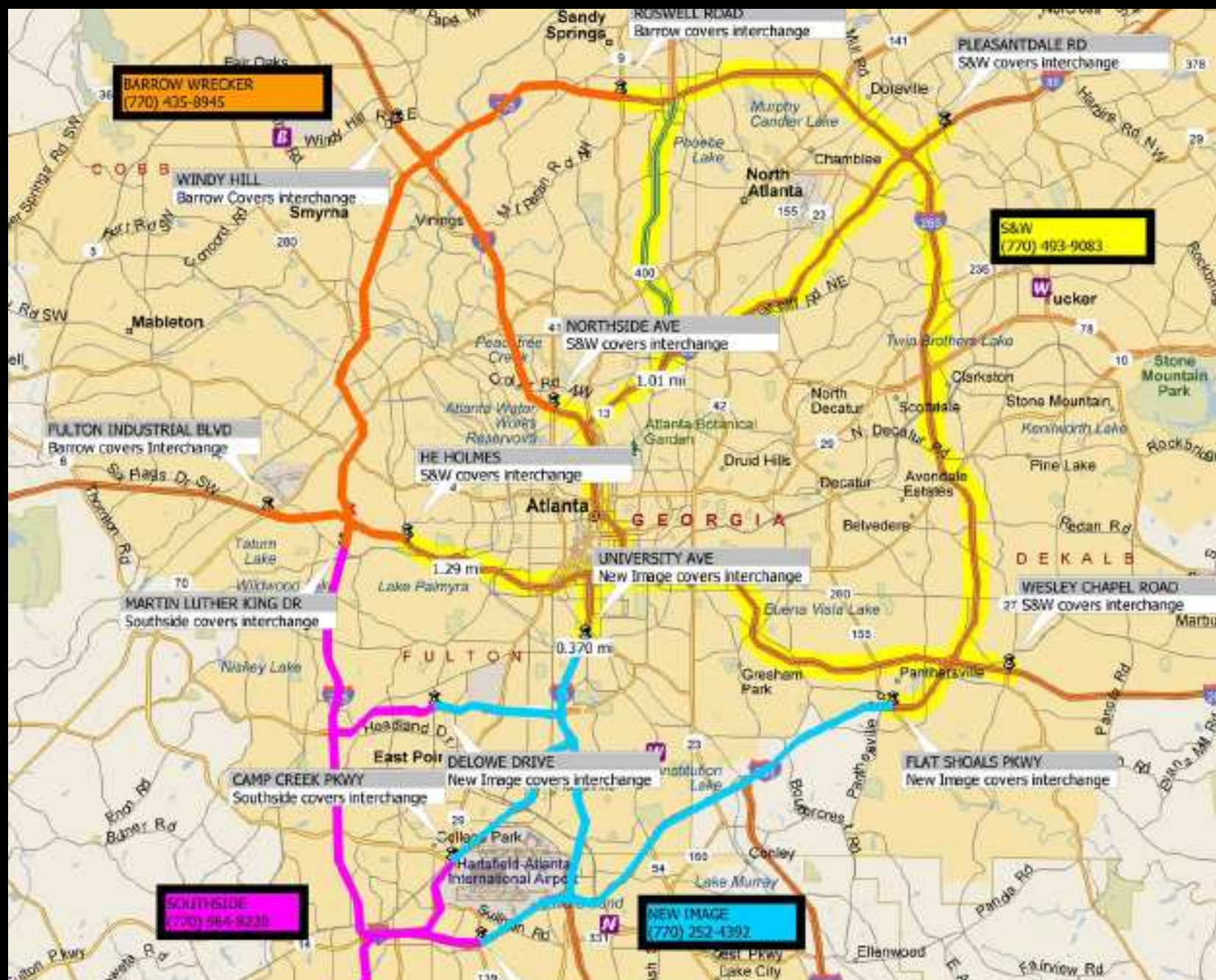


Who is committed to TRIP?

■ Steering Committee

- Atlanta Police Dept
- Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)
- Coroner's Association
- FHWA
- GDOT
- Georgia Motor Trucking Assoc (GMTA)
- Georgia State Firefighter's Association Inc.
- Georgia State Patrol (GSP)
- Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS)
- Georgia Regional Transportation Agency (GRTA)
- Towing and Recovery Association of Georgia (TRAG)
- Georgia Department of Public Safety Motor Carrier Compliance Division





When will a TRIP be activated?

CRITERIA : FREEWAY CRASH INVOLVING...

- Truck Tractor Semi-Trailer Combo (US DOT Class 8)
- Trucks > 26,000 lbs (Class 7 or 8)
- Large Motor Homes & Motor Coaches (Class 5 or 6)
- Busses ≥ 16 passengers (Class 6, 7, or 8)
- Aircraft
- Major Emergencies / Discretionary



How is a TRIP Activated?

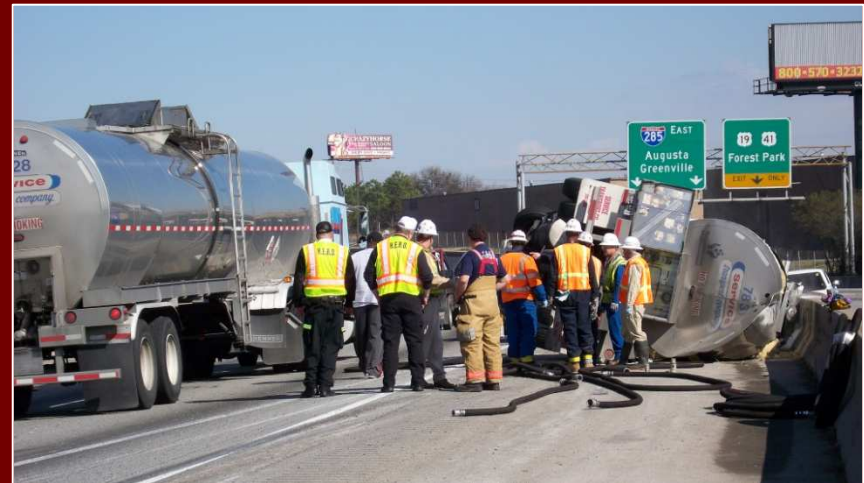
- By GDOT HERO Supervisor with consensus of local police
- The GDOT Traffic Management Center will notify the selected TRIP company when a major lane blocking crash occurs.
- TRIP Companies respond quickly to the scene with two heavy-duty recovery wreckers and other support equipment.



Who can participate in TRIP?

- Any Atlanta area heavy duty wrecker company by responding to an open Invitation to Negotiate.
- When a company meets the inspection, equipment and performance qualifications, a geographic response zones is negotiated.
- This agreement is non-exclusive, therefore some additional companies may apply

(expansion being considered)



What are the requirements to participate in TRIP?

- Prompt, predictable contractor response and 24/7 equipment availability.
- Minimum of one 30 ton and one 50 ton recovery wrecker with full sets of tools.
- Support truck with an extensive array of equipment and full traffic control & fluid spill mitigation capability.
- Other specialized heavy equipment (low-boys, bobcats, tractor-trailers)
- Highly trained operators with full certification in advanced heavy towing and recovery as well as MUTCD traffic control and Hazardous Material awareness. also TIM 'Quick Clearance' strategies



What is the advantage of participating in TRIP?

Monetary compensation for meeting the following clearance goals:



- **Response of both wreckers and support truck within a pre-determined timeframe.**
- **Clearing and opening all travel lanes successfully within 90 minutes from NTP**
- **Supplying additional special equipment at the request of incident commanders.**

\$2500 to \$3500 incentive for Quick Clearance
(Truck owners pay all tow bills)



What are the contractors risks ?

- There are disincentives in the Program for poor performance, delay or failing to meet pre-determined time goals
- Financial incentives are forfeited if travel lanes are not open in 90 minutes from notice-to-proceed. Liquidated damages \$600 and \$10 per minute after 3 hours
- The wrecker company remains responsible for collecting from the owner of the wreckage (responsible party) all towing and potential storage fees.



TRIP (early) Performance Measures

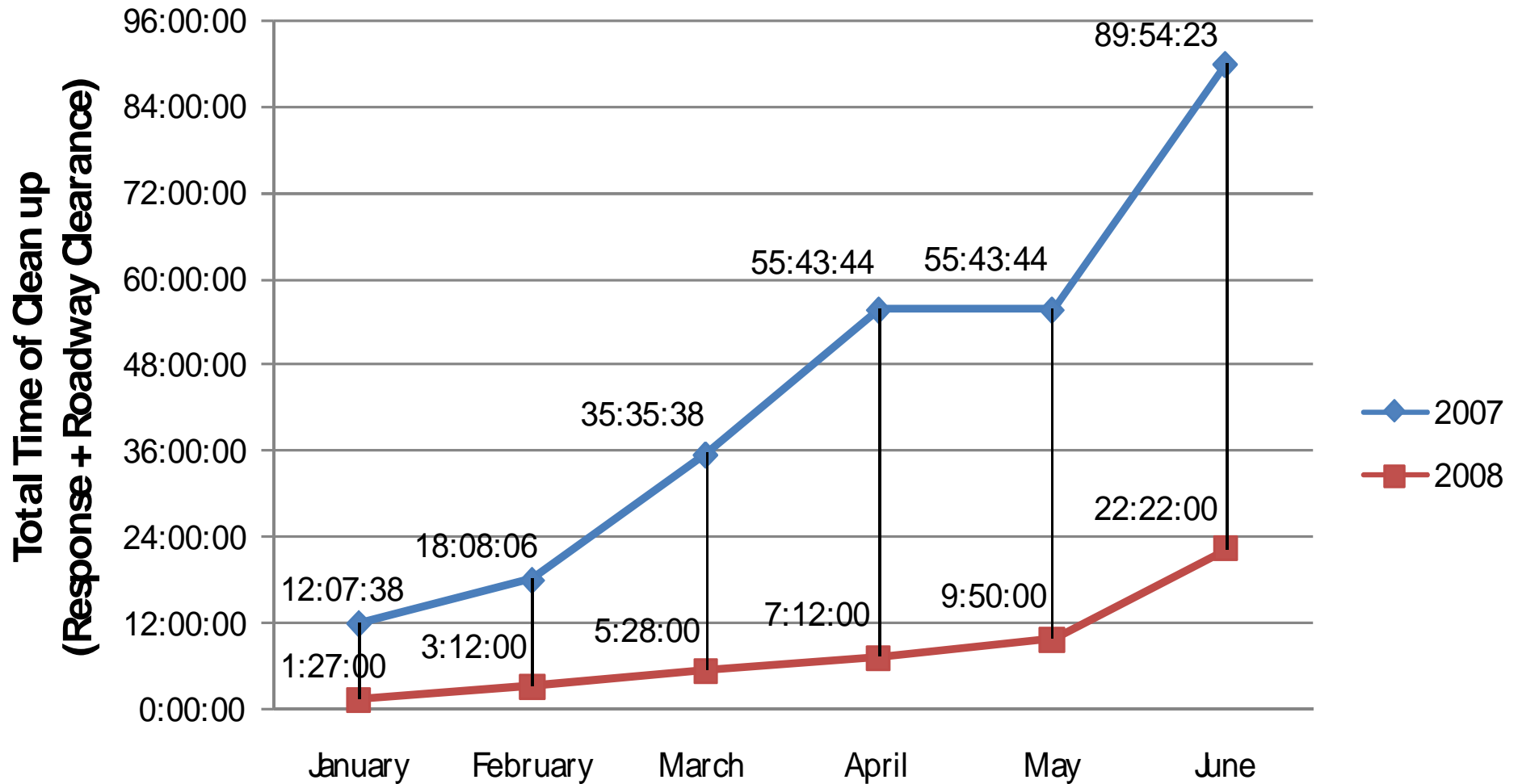
Average

(January – June)

- Response Time 2007= 45:42
- Response Time 2008= 24:15
- Roadway Clearance Time 2007= 4:18:17
- Roadway Clearance Time 2008= 32:05



Comparison of Atlanta's Major Tractor-Trailer Incidents: Accumulative Time of Clean up per Year

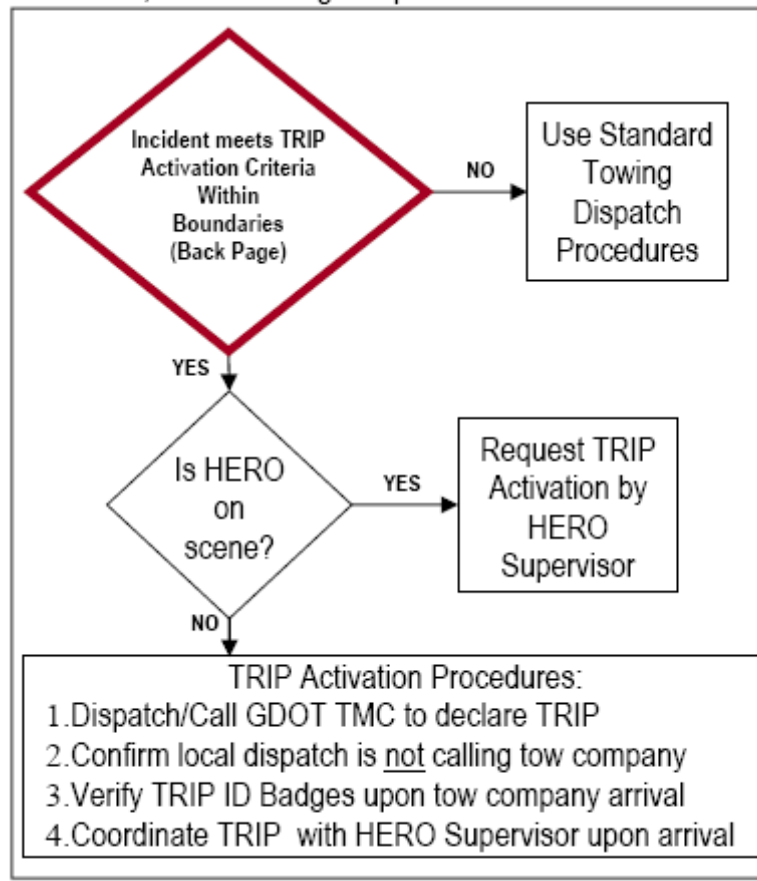


Time saved when comparing 2007 to 2008 : 67 hours and 32 minutes

Towing Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP)

To Activate TRIP Notify Dispatch to Call GDOT TMC @ (404) 886-0579

Important: The GDOT TMC is responsible for dispatching TRIP companies directly. Local 911 dispatchers should contact the GDOT TMC, not the towing companies.



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